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Applicant(s):	T. CIPRESSO et al.	Examiner	Kristina B. Honeycutt
Serial No.	10/669,770	Group Art Unit	2178
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TITLE	XML TO NUMERIC CONVERSION METHOD, SYTEM, ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT		

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION SUBMITTED
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated August 21, 2006, in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102(b)) and obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. On October 17, 2006, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner had a phone interview discussing the rejection and proposed amendments to the claims. The Examiner indicated that the proposed amendments appeared to distinguish over the cited art, but that further consideration was needed. Applicants submit herewith the discussed amendments. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-18 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.